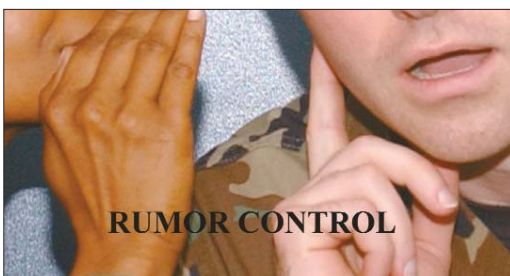


Community Events



Rumor control

Will there be a civilian hiring freeze? Why does the gym have limited locker access? Will the privatization of base housing continue?

For answers to these and other questions asked by the Cannon community, go online to the Cannon Intranet site at <https://www2.cannon.af.mil>. There is also a "submit a question" button available on the site.

Voter's week

Next week is Armed Forces Voter's Week and information booths will be at the BX, commissary, fitness center and the base clinic 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

For more information, visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program Web site at www.FVAP.gov or contact local unit voting officers.

Labor Day closure

The Airman and Family Readiness Flight, formerly the Family Support Group, is closed today and Monday.

For emergencies, call 784-2253.

Legal hours change

The following new legal assistance hours are in effect beginning today:

Monday – Walk-ins, 1-3 p.m.; Will execution, 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday – Appointments only, 9-11 a.m.; Will execution, 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday – Walk-ins, 9-11 a.m.; Will execution, 11:30 a.m.

Thursday – Appointments only, 1-3 p.m.; Will execution, 3:30 p.m.

For more information, call 784-4411.

Financial Peace University

The Chapel is sponsoring a 13-week Financial Peace University starting Sept. 13. The course meets from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. weekly at the chapel. In Financial Peace University the average family eliminates \$5,300 of debt while saving \$2,700.

There are 13 slots available for this course.

Interested individuals should only sign up if they plan to attend all 13 lessons. For more information call 784-2507 and ask to

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Winning the global war still our number one priority

To the Airmen of the United States Air Force

We're at a critical juncture for the United States Air Force and the Department of Defense – a transition period that will shape the Nation's security for a generation or more. Tomorrow's Air Force must be and will be more agile, more compact and more lethal than ever – ensuring global air, space and cyberspace dominance for the United States as we enter the 21st Century. We're working hard to put the right people, plans and programs in place to transform and

re-shape the Air Force while continuing to lead the Department of Defense' transformation from an "industrial" to an "information" age force—all the while heavily engaged in a global, long war on terrorism. We've got a lot on our plates!

We are at war! And winning this global, long war on terrorism remains outnumber one priority, followed closely by developing and taking care of our Airmen and completely recapitalizing and modernizing our air space inventories. Today's Airmen are

engaged in a dizzying array of missions from operating satellites in deep space, to applying Air Power to the surface battlefields of Afghanistan and Iraq, to maintaining required air defense from the skies over the United States, to launching an Air Mobility Command aircraft every 90 seconds, 24/7, 365 days a year, to directly supporting the hurricane-ravaged communities along the Gulf Coast. Yes, we've got a lot on our plates these days. Let me take a moment to lay out and explain how we're moving the ball on



OFFICIAL AIR FORCE PHOTO
Gen. T. Michael Moseley
Chief of Staff, Air Force

these above priorities.

Improved Warfighting Capability. The Air Force

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\$70 part proves to be AFSO-21 smart

By Senior Master Sgt. Brian Roberts

27th Communications Squadron

Air Force Smart Operations 21 (AFSO 21) is an initiative with which most Airmen are familiar. It is a focus on what Airmen try to do daily – improve the way things are done.

This ASFSO 21 approach is what a trio of Airmen from 27th Communications Squadron did last week. Their ingenuity mirrored AFSO 21 tenets – they maximized value and minimized waste in Air Force operations. AFSO 21 doesn't have to be a massive process that changes the entire Air Force. Sometimes it's just smart thinking and following processes already in place, as illustrated by the recent endeavor Master Sgt. Stephen Aull and Senior Airmen Todd Gets and Christopher Meoak,

At 11 a.m. on Aug. 20, the Tactical Air Navigation (TACAN) system went down. The TACAN provides critical airfield navigation information, ensuring flight safety and wing



PHOTOS BY STAFF SGT. APRIL WICKES

From left to right: Senior Airman Christopher Meoak, Master Sgt. Stephen Aull and Senior Airman Todd Getz, 27th Communications Squadron, examine the Tactical Air Navigation system they successfully repaired Aug. 20. Expert troubleshooting resulted in a local repair of a bad power supply card at a cost of \$70 rather than the \$58,877.88 and six-month wait it would have cost going through normal procedures.

mission success.

Sergeant Stephen Aull, noncommissioned officer in charge of 27th Communications Squadron's airfield systems work center and his work

center personnel sprang into action.

They quickly identified the power supply card as the point of

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NEWS FEATURE



Senior Airman Christopher Meoak, Master Sgt. Stephen Aull and Senior Airman Todd Getz, 27th Communications Squadron, stand in front of the Tactical Air Navigation system. Their ingenuity in repairing a power supply card saved the 27th Fighter Wing time and money.

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failure. Following normal procedures, they ordered a new card. However, the estimated delivery date of the part was not until February. Even with a priority order in the supply system.

Sergeant Aull used his experience and knowledge of electronic theory to guide his Airmen through further troubleshooting processes. This led to the discovery of a bad capacitor in the power supply.

After receiving approval, they repaired the faulty power supply locally. The TACAN returned to service within a week, instead of 6 months. The \$70 part and 27th Communications Squadron's Airfield Systems work center's diligence prevented a cost to

the Air Force of \$58,877.88, and limited the impact on flying operations and flight safety.

Additionally, the fix will be sent through major command channels to be evaluated as a corrective method, potentially helping several other ACC bases which may have incurred a similar problem.

The ingenuity and AFSO 21-minded thinking of these subject matter experts serve as an example of how Airmen around the Air Force can implement this new initiative. Forward thinking and experience saved the Air Force thousands of dollars and returned Cannon to normal flying operations with as little delay as possible.



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN HEATHER REDMAN

Committee of Fifty member Allen McEntee serves a hamburger bun during Cannon Appreciation Day Friday. Local area businesses and volunteers, headed by the Clovis Chamber of Commerce and the Committee of Fifty, provided food and prizes at the annual event.



Terry Moberly from the Committee of Fifty keeps the sodas cold for Airmen, their families and the Cannon community during Cannon Appreciation Day Friday at Unity Park.

Volunteers make Cannon Appreciation Day happen

Volunteers cooked the hamburgers and kept the soft drinks cold. They, along with community sponsors made for another successful day.

The following individuals contributed their time and energy for the Cannon community Friday:

Jeff Moore
Melissa Moore
Jacob Moberly
Terry Moberly
Mary Jo Moberly
Tom Phelps
Ellis McCasland
Darryle Bender
Clay Bracken
Lance Adkins
David Lansford
Jay Gurley
David Richards
Linda Richards
Danny Deckard
Lisa Dunagan
Ernie Kos
Jay Neff

Kent Carruthers
Gene Hendrick
Kathy Wright
Raymond Mondragon
Gayla Brumfield
Paul Reed
Randy Harris
Cindy Harris
Connie Landry
Tom Hartley
Juan Garza
Lynn Berry
Skip Overdier
Jay Neff
Pete Hulder
Dan Stoddard
Pam Sitterly
Jim Sitterly
Rhonda Bargman
Ashley Szymanski
Alan McEntee
Trudi McEntee
Jan Elliott
Michele Frost
Sid Strebeck
Corey Adair
Liz Eisenbraun



NEWS

Cannon 'Doc' top Air Force flight surgeon

By Janet Taylor-Birkey

27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

It wasn't until George Buse was about 13 years old that he knew a career in medicine was in his future. His love of sports and reading opened up not only hobbies, but a rewarding career.

"I was involved in martial arts and through that, through the training, I developed an interest in sports medicine and performance enhancement," said Buse.

Buse, who received his commission in 1999 and went on active-duty in 2002, goes by the title of doctor, doc, captain and his nickname, 'Trauma,' which comes from his interest in trauma medicine and sports-related trauma.

He can now also be addressed as the Air Force Flight Surgeon of the Year, a title he recently earned.

Dr. George Buse, 27th Aeromedical Dental Operations Squadron, and the flight medicine flight commander, settled on aerospace medicine because "the patient population in aerospace medicine is typically healthy and they're motivated," he said. "Coupled with my interest in performance enhancement, that's what propelled me toward becoming a flight doc."

Describing the job as multi-factorial, Dr. Buse said being a flight surgeon involves helping both active duty and dependants. "We also have an operational twist ... that involves getting out to the line and doing shop visits, ensuring good occupational [and] public health practices are being employed," he said.

This twist means being involved in the operational side of the flying mission. Besides interacting with squadrons, flight docs are also required to fly

four hours per month, giving them, a better understanding of the wing mission.

"If we understand the mission, we are able to relate to the pilots when they come into the clinic with a certain medical condition," said Dr. Buse. "If we have an understanding of the operational mission, then we can determine whether or not they can still fly."

Medicine is based largely on science, but Dr. Buse said the relationship with his patients, is vital. "Developing rapport is key. When the flight docs are flying, our lives are in their [pilot's] hand, and when they come in the clinic, their lives [and careers] are in our hands."

This combination of patient care and rapport has lead Dr. Buse to being named the 2006 Air Force Flight Surgeon of the Year, but it is not an award he believes he attained single-handedly.

"To me, it's an honor, but it's a tribute to the people with whom I work, because they are also the core behind it," said Dr. Buse, referencing the award that is open to approximately 550 Air Force flight surgeons. Based on establishing exceptional rapport with flying organizations, winning this award requires going the extra mile to make sure the job gets done.

Going the extra mile for Dr. Buse means maintaining faith with the flying community and "those involved in the cascade that get the jets in the air, get the mission done, and ... the pilots back to fight again another day. Trust is so key in this profession and maintaining that is of utmost importance."

But winning the award is also due to someone he feels went the extra mile for him. Dr. Buse said that

the award is especially important as a tribute to his mother, Donna Mae Mazar-Buse.

She and Dr. Buse had planned to attend the awards ceremony together. Regrettably, Mrs. Buse passed away this summer due to complications from an illness, but his winning the award was one of the last things he was able to tell her.

"She just gripped my hand and said, 'I'm so proud of you.' She died shortly thereafter. I wish she could have seen it, but I got to tell her," he said.

Whether at home or in theater, helping his patients get well or stay well, the reason he loves it all comes down to one word for Dr. Buse: freedom. "Knowing that I am helping to preserve freedom. That I can hear the thunder of freedom when those jets take off and know that I played a key role in optimizing and maintaining the human weapon system that commands it."



COURTESY PHOTO

Capt. George Buse
Air Force Flight Surgeon of the Year

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exists to deliver decisive effects through the domains of air, space and now cyberspace – to fly, to fight and to win our Nation's wars! Because this global, long war on terrorism requires a level of interdependence in equipment and in tactics, techniques and procedures that's higher than ever, our initiatives focus directly on increasing our ability to operate in joint and coalition environments, while looking to achieve even higher levels of access, agility and lethality. To streamline our decision process, we're making strides to reduce and flatten our "Cold War-era" headquarters staff and support structures. And, as you know, we've fully operationalized the A-staff and Component War Fighting Headquarters constructs. We also expect our Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century (AFSO 21) programs to further optimize our daily business practices and processes to get at eliminating unnecessary or non-valued added work. The objective here is to allow us to work smarter, not harder, and to cut contract and operating cost and translate these savings directly into increased combat capability while freeing more

resources for recapitalization and modernization.

Re-capitalizing and Modernizing our Equipment. Our enemies and potential adversaries are not standing idly by; they're working day and night to devise new ways to confront American air, space and cyberspace. And yet, we operate the oldest air and space inventories in the history of the United States Air Force. It's therefore absolutely imperative we modernize and replace these old aircraft and spacecraft to ensure our dominance across those warfighting domains. The "bottom line" is we cannot afford to not develop, upgrade and field: new space systems across the board in all space mission areas (navigation, ISR, weather & communications); a new aerial refueling "tanker," a new combat search and rescue (CSAR) helicopter: the Predator and Global Hawk UAVs; the V22 and other modernized special operations (SOF) forces; the right number of C130Js and our expanded inventory of F22As to flesh out our air dominance squadrons. We'll do this all while looking at options to develop a light cargo aircraft to support our theater intra-theater airlift requirements and welcoming the F35A into operational service and beginning work on the newest, state-of-the-art long range strike aircraft

to meet the Quadrennial Defense Review's (QDR) 2018 timeline. Within the Department of Defense, it is the Air Force's unique responsibility to provide the Nation true Global Vigilance, Global Strike and Global Reach. At the end-of-the-day, our job as Airmen is to fight the ongoing global war on terrorism while being able to reach anywhere on the planet with strategically dislocating effect. To continue to make this happen for the 21st Century, we need the new equipment!

Developing Airmen. Of course, Airmen will fly, operate, maintain and support this modernized, more lethal air and space equipment. Our people are the most cherished and important piece of the equation. And our Airmen's families are the baseline of supporting our combatant personnel. Each and every family is critical to our mission success, so we are continuing to look for ways to ensure the highest quality of life standards for each of our bases' military family housing and facilities. Many of our warfighting enhancements and initiatives are directly designed to improve the ways we train, prepare for combat, care for our families and continue to look for ways to better develop our

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COMMENTARY

Team Cannon enjoys safe 101 Critical Days of Summer

27th Fighter Wing Safety Office

Congratulations Team Cannon! Labor Day marks the end of this year's 101 Critical Days of Summer Campaign. The past three months Team Cannon has internalized our summer theme, "Work Hard, Play Smart," and truly increased Cannon's combat readiness capability while preserving combat assets – materiel and Airmen. We do have good reason to be proud, but we also have an opportunity to reflect.

This summer, Cannon had only six class C mishaps – incidents that cost less than \$20,000 and/or up to a single lost workday. This is half the number that was experienced last summer.

The first three incidents involved vehicle accidents where Airmen can

consider themselves fortunate for not sustaining greater injuries. Specifically, one Airman rolled a vehicle while attempting to drive all night to get back for the next work shift. Clearly fatigue was a factor. This Airman may be the luckiest of all – a seatbelt kept the injuries to just bumps and bruises instead of an extended hospital stay or even death.

Two more Airmen were involved in motorcycle accidents. While neither resulted from alcohol, fatigue or overt speeding, the common thread was driving faster than the conditions allowed. Weather and the condition of a vehicle are factors often overlooked when deciding how fast to drive. These motorcyclists were fortunate that their protective gear performed as designed and prevented more

severe injuries. Each of these incidents could have resulted in a fatality ... and Cannon could have lost valuable and irreplaceable Airmen.

The final three mishaps occurred while Airmen engaged in sports and recreational activities, and none of these were the result of inappropriate behavior. Considering the healthy lifestyle promoted through the Air Force's active culture, having only three mishaps speaks highly of Airmen's efforts to properly prepare and participate while using the appropriate protective gear. Participation in Cannon's intramural program was spirited and off-base activities thrived with the safe conduct of Cannon Airmen promoting physical and mental health and wellness.

Cannon Airmen also spent many

successful stress-free summer days "Discovering Home" in eastern New Mexico and West Texas. It is a great credit to all for enjoying the boating, camping, hiking, biking, etc. and then returning safely to Cannon. For many Airmen, this Labor Day weekend is another great opportunity to "Discover" one more area treasure. Yet again, each Airman holds the key. The responsible decisions each one makes this weekend marked the difference between tragedy and success.

Team Cannon has truly done some great work this summer. Wing Safety salutes everyone for their efforts. As Team Cannon transitions out of the summertime routine, we should not forget the successes or the close calls. Let's continue to "Work Hard, Play Smart."

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most precious resource – Airmen! We will continue to explore ways to balance our career field and reduce the number of existing AFSCs to better meet the needs of the 21st Century. We can flatten our existing personnel structure and cluster similar AFSCs into expeditionary groupings focused primarily on combat duties. We can also better integrate Civilian, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve and Active personnel into a much more seamless, deployable "Total Force." We can re-energize and re-focus our professional military education (PME) efforts into providing the necessary warfighting skills we see for the future – to include much more robust, regional and cultural understanding and foreign language skills. And we will continue to emphasize educational opportunities, offering bachelor's degrees for select enlisted personnel or advanced academic degrees as required for both officer and enlisted members. These enhanced educational opportunities.

Secretary of the Air Force Mike Wynne and I have made the decision to reduce our manning levels by 40,000 "full-time equivalent" billets over the next five

years. Since the previous, post-Cold War 40% personnel drawdown of the early 1990s, the Air Force has been driven to sacrifice its future to keep manpower constant. The result has been a decades-old decline of investment accounts which provide the "seed corn" resources to buy new satellites and aircraft and new warfighting capability – across the board. Since the early 1990s it has become a vicious cycle of aging and less capable equipment and diminished resources with which to buy the more modern, more survivable and more lethal systems. Secretary Wynne and I have decided to change that equation – to focus on the future of the United States Air Force. To stay within our allocated budgets and to increase our investment accounts, the reality is we have to draw the force down.

This current 12 percent drawdown is realistic and certainly doable. Today's Air Force is fighting an expeditionary war as we transform into a leaner, meaner force. And the facts are clear, since the beginning of OEF in October 2001, only about half of the overall force has deployed for combat operations and today, only about 85% of our Air Force is even aligned within an AEF "bucket." This is a sobering set of percentages of our force that has been deployed since we've been

fighting in and over Afghanistan-which is longer than the United States fought in World War II! So, we can do better with the numbers of people we'll have. Even with the 12 percent reduction in manpower, we can get more of the Total Force in the AEF "buckets." We can get more combat-focused and trained. We can get more deployable and more expeditionary in everything that we do! We owe that much to the country.

So, with your leadership and commitment we can and will succeed. We will recapitalize and modernize our warfighting equipment inventories; we'll streamline our structures and processes; we'll integrate better as a Total Force; we'll develop a cadre of Airmen even better prepared for the future; and we'll continue to deploy, fly, fight and win our Nation's wars! I'm extremely proud of the efforts we've made to build on our Air Force heritage and I see a limitless horizon before us thanks to your disciplined combat focus, diligence and hard work. I'd also like to thank each of you for what you do every day to improve the combat capabilities of the United States Air Force in defense of our great Nation!

T. MICHAEL MOSELEY
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This week's
Viper Wingman is



PHOTOS BY SENIOR AIRMAN HEATHER REDMAN

Staff Sgt. Ross
Lindeman

Col. Scott West, 27th Fighter Wing commander, congratulates the assistant noncommissioned officer in charge of the Base Honor Guard for his attention to detail and dedication to the program.

The Viper Wingman showcases outstanding work ethic and accomplishments of exemplary Airmen with the highest standards of personal performance. To nominate a Viper Wingman, notify your first sergeant.

This week's
Viper Volunteer is



Staff Sgt.
Lance Lewis

Col. Scott West, 27th Fighter Wing commander, congratulates the 27th Civil Engineer Squadron Airman for the time he spent on Saturdays and weekday afternoons to repair the wind and water damage to the Kids' Klubhouse.

The Viper Volunteer highlights the spirit of volunteerism and extraordinary contributions to the Cannon community. To nominate a Viper Volunteer, call Ellen Saccoia-Smith at 784-4228.

Sgt. Afi's 36-2903
Tip of the Week



Hair color, frosting and highlights will not be faddish and will match natural hair colors such as blonde, brunette, natural red, black or gray for women. Synthetic hair can be worn as long as it meets safety and mission requirements.



FEATURE

AADD goal is simple – prevent heartaches

Janet Taylor-Birkey
27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

“The one who got away” was not a fish, not a woman, not the job of his dreams.

It was an Airman. A drunk Airman at that.

If Tech. Sgt. John Pelkey didn't take his job as a volunteer driver for Airmen Against Drunk Driving so seriously, it might not have turned into the two-hour ordeal it became.

The Airman he picked up needed to get out of the car for “personal reasons,” continued walking into a nearby field, and was later picked up by the state police.

“I took a responsibility to pick this person up. I told the police ‘Let's make sure he doesn't get run over, because he was out in the middle of nowhere.’ He showed up eventually, but it wasn't with us.”

Sergeant Pelkey laughed as he said the new rule of thumb was “if you're going to call us, stay with us.”

AADD has picked up 272 Airmen and base civilians this quarter. While that number can be looked at as good or bad, Sergeant Pelkey said, “I call it good. I would rather pick them up than have anything else happen. They are doing the right thing [when they call AADD].”

Airmen and their depen-

dants and civilians who work at Cannon are all eligible for a pickup by AADD. And all this is done with anonymity, no lectures and no judgment, “because they are doing the right thing when they ride with us,” said Sergeant Pelkey.

“We don't ask anything more than your first name, where you are at, your phone number so our drivers can get in touch with you and that's it. We don't call your first sergeant. This is our way of saving us some heartaches.”

While Sergeant Pelkey has never experienced this kind of heartache with a personal family member, a member of his Air Force family who died because of drunk driving caused him to become involved with AADD.

“[She was] a young lady who I never met, never gotten a chance to know. I was deployed at the time and she had just come into the service. One night she just had one too many and rolled her car, and that just hit me.”

Sergeant Pelkey had heard how the young Airman would sit under her jet and write poetry. He thought it sad that because she chose to drink and drive, the world lost the light she offered.

“We always tell people to have a plan— ‘If you're going to go out and you're going to drink,



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN HEATHER REDMAN

Staff Sgt. Katrisha Bablington, right, gives Cannon Airmen information about the Airmen Against Drunk Driving program during Cannon Appreciation Day activities Friday. The 27th Component Maintenance Squadron Airman was one of 10 AADD volunteers who staffed the booth that day. Some provided rides home for Airmen following the event.

have a designated driver, make a plan.’ But for me, personally, if AADD is their plan, I'm perfectly happy with that.”

But to help others, there must be helpers.

“We are always in desperate need of volunteers. There are some weekends where there is only one driver on for the day. We can use more dispatchers. If you can't drive, we give you a phone and all you have to do is

wait for it to ring.”

Sergeant Pelkey said dispatching is a good way for military spouses to become involved, even if they have responsibilities requiring them to stay at home.

All dispatchers need to volunteer is “a willingness to do.” Those wanting to drive need a driver's license, insurance and a willingness to not worry about what might happen in the car

(such as someone getting sick in the car) and to not drink alcohol and volunteer.

While AADD does not pay, Sergeant Pelkey reminds Airmen it's a great bullet for the Enlisted Performance Report and Officer Performance Report.

Anyone interested in volunteering with AADD can call Sergeant Pelkey at 784-1770 or e-mail the Cannon organization at aadd1@cannon.af.mil.

Family Support Center changes name; mission the same

By Janet Taylor-Birkey
27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The name has changed, but the mission remains the same.

Air Force Family Support Centers have expanded their scope in recent years from working primarily with the families of active duty to a much broader mission. Centers today support and maintain mission readiness by assisting individuals and families with adaptation to the challenges and demands of the transforming military community.

“There has been confusion in the past with our name,” said Cynthia Friday-Allison, 27th

Airmen and Family Readiness Flight Chief. “When single Airmen would see “Family Support Center,” they would think we only had programs for married folks, not single people.”

AFR personnel consults with leadership at all levels to provide services specific to the immediate and long-term readiness of organizations and its members.

In addition, their scope of responsibility has widened to include all Department of Defense military and civilian personnel and families, Guard and Reserve, other eligible uniformed members, military retirees, their family members and annuitants.

“We will be offering all of our usual programs, but also focus on the unique needs of each squadron – especially since the needs are changing so quickly in today's Air Force,” said Ms. Friday-Allison.

“We will also be offering more services in the squadrons, so the folks can get services in their workplace instead of taking their time to go to the center.”

Based on this expansion of scope and on a consensus among Family Matters senior leaders, the name has been changed to Airman and Family Readiness Flight to more accurately describe its current mission.



NEWS FEATURES

Bases work with FEMA to prepare for storms

By Staff Sgt. Jeremy Larlee
Air Force Print News

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. – In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the Air Force provided support in many ways - some of that from a distance.

Numerous bases worked closely with the Federal Emergency Management Agency by providing locations for use as staging points to accelerate the delivery of supplies to hurricane victims. Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., was one of those bases.

Teri Baker, the deputy chief of the 42nd Wing Plans Division, said the cooperation resulted in the processing of 1,289 truckloads that shipped more than 64 million pounds of supplies to those in need. At the same time, it helped improve the working relationship with FEMA.

"They were great to work with," Mrs. Baker said. "They are professionals who work long hours and do a ton of planning."

The two groups continue to work together. FEMA has positioned 100 trucks at Maxwell in preparation for this year's hurricane season. Additionally, it is planning to fund the building of an additional gate so that the trucks do not affect the base's normal, day-to-day traffic.

Marvin Davis, a FEMA public affairs officer, said the people at Maxwell made the mission possible.

"It went very smoothly, and we can't say enough about the cooperation that Maxwell gave us," said Mr. Davis. "They have always been a willing participant in all disaster recovery that FEMA has been involved in, and all that practice helped."

The fact that Maxwell does not have an active-duty flying wing and is mainly a training base helped the base support FEMA, Mrs. Baker said. This was a luxury not available to Barksdale AFB, La., as the base juggled supporting the processing of more than 300 tractor trailers a day, along with a robust flying and training mission.

"Never did this base's



PHOTO BY CAPT. MARK MEDVESKY

Trucks are being pre-positioned at various staging points around the country to accelerate the delivery of supplies to disaster victims. This processing area is at Willow Grove Air Reserve Station, Pa.

normal mission slow down," said Col. Michael Myers, 2nd Mission Support Group commander. "The Barksdale team got together and provided support to that extremely important mission that was nothing like anything they had ever trained."

The colonel said he was amazed with what the people at Barksdale were able to accomplish.

"The men and woman of Barksdale wanted to help hurricane victims in any way possible," Colonel Myers said. "To play a significant part in the

end result was very rewarding."

Mr. Davis said he enjoys the bond FEMA and the Air Force share.

"It's great to see government agencies cooperating so closely, and it is amazing what can be done when we work together," he said.

Airman deals with aftermath of Hurricane Katrina

By Staff Sgt. Jeremy Larlee
Air Force Print News

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. – When asked how he wishes he could spend his weekends, the man gets a wistful look in his eyes and says he would love to sit down and watch television.

Unfortunately, this is a luxury that Master Sgt. Dan Peters, an Air Reserve Technician with Air Force Reserve Command's 403rd Wing, is not able to enjoy now. With his house heavily damaged by Hurricane Katrina, the instrument and flight controls craftsman spends every spare minute he has putting his home back together.

"It has been an overwhelming process," Sergeant Peters said. "There was so much damage we didn't even know where to start."

The sergeant, his wife, Renee, and son, Travis, attempted to evacuate to Florida when the storm hit. The heavy traffic made travel nearly impossible and they settled on staying with his sister about an hour away.

The journey back home after the storm was a long one and required multiple detours for the family. When

he was finally able to see the state of his house, the sergeant said his heart sank.

The damage included two feet of water throughout the house. A tree fell on the roof directly above the bathroom, completely destroying that room. The sergeant said his lawn looked like a war zone. It was covered with debris and no grass was visible.

To make matters worse, a nearby treatment plant leaked sewage into the water, giving his house a foul smell. Sergeant Peters was forced to throw out his carpets and all the furniture. He tore out all the sheetrock and insulation and used about two cases of bleach to clean the house and remove the mold that threatened to engulf it.

There was also a small element of people who tried to profit from the crisis by looting. This forced Sergeant Peters to sleep on a mattress in his living room with a rifle by his side.

However, the majority of the people along the Gulf Coast came together and helped each other.

The NCO said the help he has received from others has renewed his faith in humanity. He was especially

grateful to his sister Air Force Reserve units that made donations and pitched in on the rebuilding effort during long weekends.

Now almost a year later his wife is nervous about the possibility of another storm hitting the area.

"Physically, I'm ready," she said. "But mentally, I don't think I can go through this again."

His original goal of June to finish rebuilding has come and gone. It has been a longer process than he first estimated. He admits he does not have the expertise in rebuilding a house and has been learning the process as he goes. He now hopes to finish repairs by the holidays.

The sergeant said he was grateful that he was able to be home with his family when the storm hit, which was not the case for all of his coworkers. He also said that even though he suffered a lot of damage to his house, that others lost even more, and he was thankful to still have his family.

"I could not have got through this without my wife. She has kept me motivated," Sergeant Peters said. "You just have to take things day by day and go from there."



COMMUNITY EVENTS



PHOTO BY GREG ALLEN

Pet of the Week

This young male terrier mix has a and is available for adoption. For information on her or other available pets, call the Family Support Center at 784-4228.

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speak with Chaplain (Don) Bridges.

Case lot sale

A case lot sale at the commissary is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 15 and 16. For more information, go to www.commissaries.com.

Community healthcare meeting

The Community Healthcare Council meets at 11 a.m. Sept. 27 at the Landing. The council is a forum for the 27th Medical Group to interact with beneficiaries and provides information on medical services, medical group events and health benefit information. It also provides a forum for beneficiaries to provide feedback to the 27th Medical Group.

For more information, call 784-7972.

Red Cross

The base clinic is looking for Red Cross volunteers to fill key positions. The position is open to military ID card holders and includes active duty, family members and retirees.

For more information, call (505) 762-4129 or 784-406.

DRMO closure

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office is closed Sept. 25-29. It will reopen Oct. 2.

For more information, call 784-2437.

NCO retraining

The fiscal year 2007 noncommissioned officer retraining program begins Oct. 1 and targets approximately 1,113 NCOs in the ranks of staff sergeant through senior master sergeant in overage Air Force Specialty Codes. The voluntary phase runs through Sept. 18. If necessary, an involuntary phase will begin shortly afterward.

For more information, Airmen should contact their commander support staff.



SERVICES

Toastmasters provides opportunity to hone speaking skills

By Janet Taylor-Birkey
27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A chapter of Toastmasters International, a not for profit educational organization whose mission is to help people develop their communication skills, is being formed at Cannon.

Toastmasters offers participants the opportunity to give speeches on their topic of choice while giving and receiving feedback in the form of evaluations. Evaluations are given by club members to give feedback to each speaker regarding the presentation's

strength and weaknesses. Feedback is done positively and offers suggestions for improvement to help members become the effective speaker/ leader they desire.

In addition to speeches, Table Topic sessions gives members the opportunity to practice impromptu speaking, several prepared speeches based on projects from the manuals provided by Toastmasters International, said Staff Sgt. Greg Burney, 27 FW Communications Squadron.

"My goal is to be able to communicate my thoughts with distinct clarity

and to not just be a great manager but become an incomparable leader able to motivate others as I progress throughout my military and civilian career," said Sergeant Burney.

Jennifer Johnson, 27th Airmen and Readiness Family technician said that the skills she will gain through Toastmasters will be a help in her career when she briefs Airmen and their families. "It is critical I have clear communication skills when I brief about the services available at the Airman and Family Readiness Center (formerly the Family Support Center)," said Ms.

Johnson. "Toastmasters is renowned for building confidence and communication skills so this will be a perfect opportunity for me to enhance them."

Toastmasters meets at 11 a.m., Sept. 19 at the Airmen and Family Readiness Center (formerly the FSC), the first and third Tuesday of every month. Airmen of all ranks, civilians and dependants over age 18 are welcomed.

Call Staff Sgt. Greg Burney at 784-6848 or Jennifer Johnson at 784-4228 for more information.

No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

27th Services kicks off 'Tops in Blue' talent search

Courtesy 27th Services Squadron

Air Force Entertainment has initiated its talent search for the 2007 Tops In Blue tour. campaign called, "Perform Your Duty" All active duty military members are eligible to compete for the 2006 Air Force Worldwide Talent Contest at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, Nov. 5-13.

In addition to competing for the coveted first place "Roger" and the second place "Wilco" awards, competitors will also compete for 30 positions on the 2007 Air Force entertainment team, Tops In Blue.

Musicians, dancers, vocalists, comedians, dramatists

and support staff are needed for the talent competition and Tops In Blue. Bus drivers, stage, light, and sound technicians, wardrobe and costume coordinators, choreographers and vocal assistants also have a chance to compete at the worldwide competition.

Individual application packages may be forwarded through the base or directly to Air Force Services Agency by Oct. 2.

Air Force Services Agency Entertainment Branch personnel will review all resumes and entertainer videos. Individuals who display the best talent will be invited to compete at the Worldwide Talent Contest in November. Funding for the contest is provided by Air Force Services,

including permissive TDY, travel and lodging.

The 27th Services Squadron will assist with entries for this year's competition and the Community Center will help obtain a taping session for entrants. To assist applicants, a base-level talent contest, or base-level taping, will be held at the base theater at 1 p.m. on Sept. 23.

Deadline to sign up for the base talent contest is Sept. 2, 2006.

Application kits are at the Central Community Center.

For additional information, contact Kristi Taylor or Cat Noll at 784-6381 or visit www.topsinblue.com.



What's happening?



COURTESY PHOTO

In full swing

The Senior Golf League hits the links at 9 a.m. on Tuesday at the Whispering Winds Golf Course.

Today

Friday Seafood Buffet – 11 a.m. at The Landing
Home Schooling -1 p.m. at the Cannon library
Rib –Eye Steak – 5 p.m. at The Landing

Saturday

Mystery Price game – 6 p.m. to midnight at Cannon Lanes

Sunday

Dart League - 6:30 p.m. at The End Zone

Monday

Labor Day

Tuesday

Senior Golf League – 9 a.m. at Whispering Winds Golf Course

Home Style Buffet- 11 a.m. at The Landing
Pool Tournament – 4 to 6 p.m. at the Portales CC*
Evening Scramble – 5 p.m. at WWGC Golf Course

Wednesday

International Buffet- 11 a.m. at The Landing
Foosball Tournaments – 3 to 5 p.m. at The Portales CC
Kids Craft – 5 p.m. at the Clovis CC

Thursday

Football Frenzy Kick Off - 6:30 p.m. at the End Zone
Free Billiards – 6 to 9 p.m. at The End Zone
Chess Club Casual play – 6 to 8 p.m. at the Central CC

* CC — Community Center WWGC — Whispering Winds Golf Course CDC — Child Development Center



FEATURE

A helping hand from 'Pa-Pa'

Retired Airman garners local support, helps granddaughter help troops

By Greg Allen
27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Air Force Capt. Joy Tredway's job of running Army Morale Welfare and Recreation sites in Qatar and 26 other countries has been made easier with the help from 'Pa-Pa,' her grandfather, Ted Mudgett who lives in Clovis.

Mr. Mudgett, who retired from Cannon in 1975, spends his days canvassing local organizations such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Knights of Columbus. He garners support for the troops in the form of gift certificates he sends to his granddaughter.

He feels a sense of accomplishment to have raised more than \$5,000 so far.

"It's about the best thing I can remember doing," said Mudgett, who regularly exchanges e-mails with his granddaughter, who was born in Clovis, to see what she needs for the troops.

"This really helps us a lot," she said. "We can do more for servicemembers who come here from Iraq for a couple of days of R and R."

His latest efforts helped her acquire equipment for a glow-in-the dark miniature golf range.

"It's 120 degrees during the day," explains Capt. Tredway, "so we set it up for night time playing."

Capt. Tredway is a services officer at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.



GREG ALLEN PHOTO
Ted Mudgett, a retired Tech Sgt. has raised more than \$5,000 to support welfare efforts for troops in Iraq on rest and relaxation in Qatar.



COURTESY PHOTO

Glow-in-the-dark miniature golf is a popular event for combat-weary troops during their four days of recreation and relaxation at Camp As Sayliyah in Qatar. The equipment was purchased with donations raised by Clovis-area organizations.

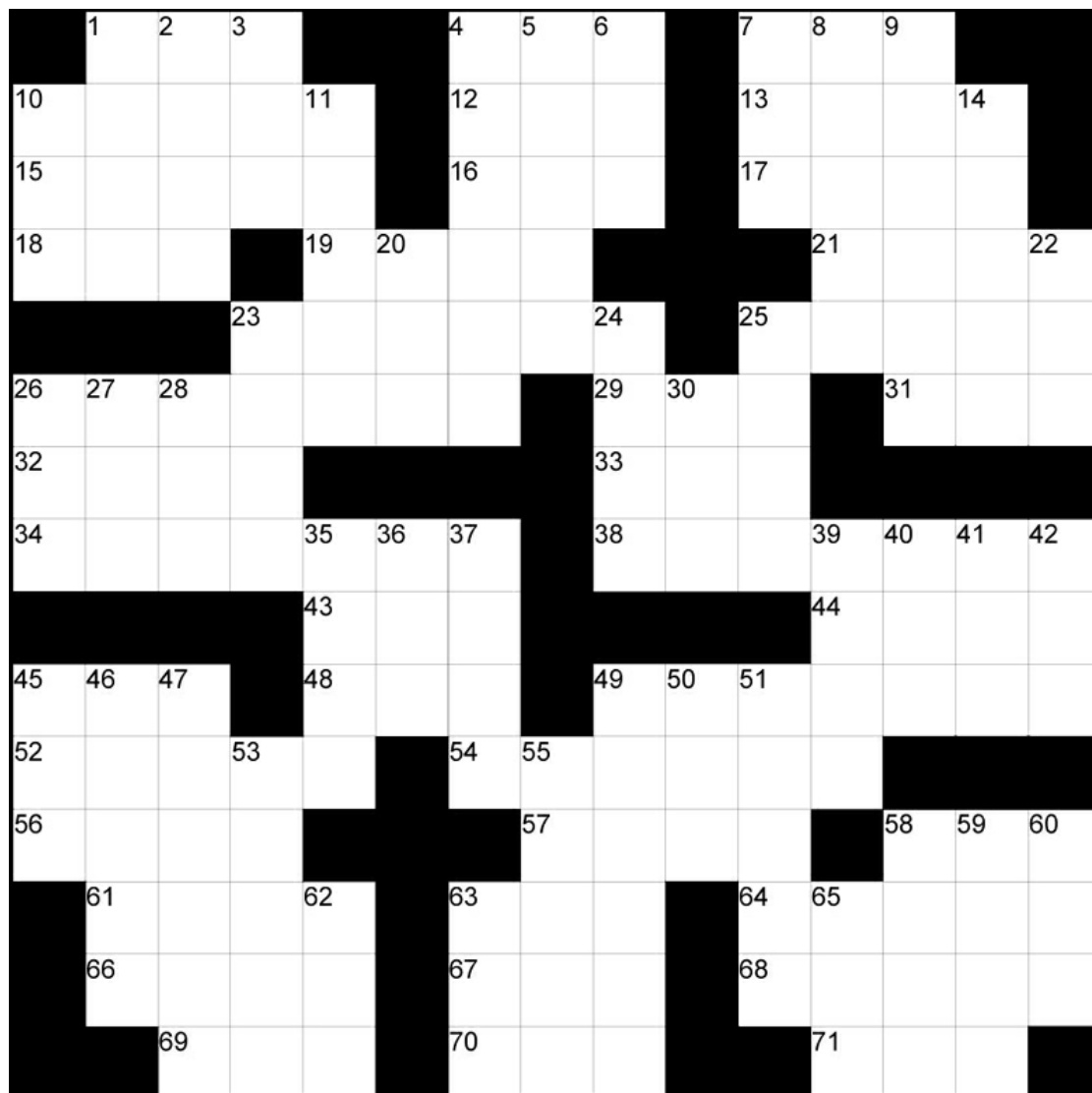


COURTESY PHOTO

Capt. Joy Tredway, serving with the Army as the Morale and Welfare officer for 27 locations in Southwest Asia, stands in front of a poster thanking one of the organizations that supported the fundraising efforts of her grandfather, Ted Mudgett.



THE LIGHTER SIDE



Airmen of Note, pt. 1
By Capt. Tony Wickman
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ACROSS

1. Org. founded by William Boyce
4. Dashed
7. Reindeer relative
10. Aviation pioneer, WWII leader who led 8AF in day-light bombing
12. Bullfight cheer
13. Young adult
15. Weapon
16. Arrow shooter
17. Yankees 2B Robinson
18. WW II commander of 2 AF; directed Operation Tidal Wave
19. Abel's brother
21. Needlework using yarn
23. AAC/USAF authority on airlift; directed "Hump," and Berlin Airlift operations
25. WWII fighter pilot who survived infamous 85-mile Bataan march
26. Classifies
29. Commander's region of control, briefly
31. Vote in favor for
32. Tex-Mex menu item
33. Crypto org.
34. First USAF general to head Joint Chiefs of Staff
38. Commanded B-29 Enola Gay, which dropped atomic bomb on Hiroshima
43. Automobile

44. Gardening tool
45. Giant great
48. Org. concerned with environment
49. Enlisted airman awarded Medal of Honor during Vietnam War
52. Moves through water
54. Dance to rock music
56. Fred's pet
57. Hip
58. Strange
61. Norwegian toast
63. Precious stone
64. Bar order
66. Patriot great Bruschi
67. Norma ____
68. First CMSAF; WWII aerial gunner and POW
69. Bread type
70. Finale
71. Showed the way

DOWN

1. Northern Ireland river
2. Play
3. USAF deployment set
4. Father of modern AF logistics; Chief of the AAC materiel division
5. Single
6. Current
7. Additional odds and ends, briefly
8. Permeable
9. Pioneered aerial warfare strategy and tactics in WWII Pacific theater
10. ____ out a living; get by
11. Happening
14. Din

20. Picnic pest
22. Org. concerned with airport safety
23. Bugs or Daffy, informally
24. Bluster
25. Colorless
26. MCI competitor
27. Woodworking tool
28. ____-fi; movie genre
30. USAF org. concerned with counterterrorism
35. ____ up; freezes over
36. Quick rest
37. Clutch
39. Mold-ripened, whole-milk cheese
40. Dine
41. Boxing result, briefly
42. Embroider
45. SECDEF's office symbol
46. Swerve
47. WWII pilot, took command of Hawaiian forces after Pearl Harbor
49. On the horizon
50. Exaggerated sense of self-importance
51. Mexican revolutionary leader Pancho
53. Early AF pioneer; killed while serving with the Beech Aircraft Co.
55. Body of water
58. Shrek was one
59. Title
60. Arid
62. Cleaning solution
63. Grad. school test
65. Cause physical pain



Unit Spotlights



Congratulations to Cannon's newest 90% + club members

The following Airman scored 90 percent or higher on their Career Development Course:

Airman Travis Latta 99%
27th Civil Engineer Squadron

Airman David McEntyre 94%
27th CES

Staff Sgt. Chad Molenhour 91%
27th LRS

Tech. Sgt. George Cassiano 98%
27th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Master Sgt. Carlito Estoquia 93%
27th AMXS

Airman 1st Class Erik Zimmerman 91%
27th CES

Staff Sgt. Jesse Dull 96%
27th AMXS

Staff Sgt. Christopher Porter 93%
27th Aeromedical Dental Squadron

Airman 1st Class Jason Bernal 90%
27th AMXS

Airman 1st Class David Wilkerson 96%
27th AMXS

Tech. Sgt. Steven Crow 92%
27th Mission Support Squadron

Airman 1st Class Yohei Cameron 90%
27th Services Squadron

Staff Sgt. Randy Rubisch 96%
27th AMXS

Staff Sgt. Gregory Mayo 92%
27th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Staff Sgt. Jorge Walker 90%
27th AMXS

Senior Airman Daniel Cantrell 94%
27th CES

Senior Airman Raphael Baylis 91%
27th AMXS



CANNON AIR FORCE BASE CHAPEL

CATHOLIC

Weekday Mass 12:05 p.m., MWF

Sunday Mass
9:30 a.m.

Regular worship schedule will resume
Sept. 10.

PROTESTANT

Sunday Services

Combined service 11 a.m.

Religious education and regular worship
schedule will resume Sept. 10.

*For more information about other programs
or other faith groups, call the chapel office at
784-2507.*

At the Movies

The Cannon Movie Theater is located on the corner of Torch and D.L. Ingram.
Movie prices are \$3.50 for adults, \$1.75 for children and \$1 for all viewers on Thursdays.

John Tucker Must Die

Today at 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 4 p.m.

Description: When three popular girls from different cliques discover they've been dating the same person, they band together to seek revenge. Despite the jerk's charm and ever-growing popularity, the girls cleverly scheme, with the help of the inconspicuous new girl in town, to soil his reputation and break his heart.

PG-13: sexual content and language

Running time: 87 min.

Lady In The Water

Saturday and Sunday

Description: Cleveland Heep, a modest building manager, rescues a mysterious young woman from danger and discovers she is actually a marf – a character from a bedtime story who is trying to make the treacherous journey from our world back to hers. Cleveland and his fellow tenants begin to realize that they are also characters in this bedtime story. As Cleveland falls deeper in love with the woman, he works with the tenants to protect his fragile new friend from the deadly creatures that reside in this fable and are determined to prevent her from returning home,

PG: some frightening sequences

Running time: 110 min.



SPORTS SHORTS



Cannon Lanes

Winter hours and leagues begin Friday.

Mystery Price Game – 5-9 p.m., Saturday. Participants draw tickets for cost of their games with a limit of one drawing per party. The price will be for all members on that lane and range from \$1 to \$1.75 per game.

Cosmic Bowling – 9 p.m.-midnight-\$2.50 per game.

Monday – Closed for Labor Day

9 Pin No Tap Night – 6 to 9 p.m. Sept. 9. \$10 cost per person is good for three games with \$5 going into a prize fund. There will be a men's and a women's category.

Moonlight and Music – 6 p.m. to midnight, Sept. 16. Bowling costs \$1.75 per game.

3-6-9 Pin Bowling Night – 6-9 p.m. Sept. 23. Bowl for \$1.75 per game. Receive automatic strikes in frames 3, 6 and 9. Everyone in the family can participate in this program.

Whispering Winds Golf Course

Monday Night Scrambles – Two-person teams and players may select their partners. Sign up by 3 p.m.

Senior Days – Senior golfers 50 years and older receive \$2 off daily green fees and 50 percent off electric carts Monday and Tuesday.

Retiree Wednesdays – Golfers with a retired military ID card

receive \$2 off daily green fees and 50 percent off electric carts on Wednesdays.

Member First discounts – 10 percent discount off annual, quarterly and monthly greens fees. Half off club rentals. \$2 off cart rental for 18 holes.

Outdoor Recreation

Rock Climbing weekend – Sept. 9 and 10. The cost is \$80 per person. This adventure is for beginners through experienced climbers and provides initial climb and bouldering training or technique brush up. Training is at Kirtland Air Force Base's indoor climbing area. The second day will include several climbing stations.

Sign-up deadline is Monday and includes transportation, lesson instructions, three meals and a camping area.

This is for adults and children 12 years old and older.

For more information, call 784-2773.

New Mexico State Fair – Sept. 16-17. The cost is \$110 single, \$75 double, \$65 triple and \$40 quad. The price includes transportation to Albuquerque, one night hotel accommodation and entry into the fair. Pre-pay by Sept. 11.

For more information, call 784-1275 or 784-1533.

White Sands Star Party – Sept. 23-24 at White Sands, Alamogordo and Ruidosa. The cost is \$70 per person. Gaze into the heavens as astronomers from across the country make their equipment available. Camping gear, fees, meals, snacks and transportation is included.

For more information, call 784-2773.